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(Springfield, IL) -- The Illinois Department of Corrections is hosting the Summit of Hope in Rock Island on Wednesday, October 7th. It's a one-stop environment where parolees and probationers can get assistance to move past barriers that may prevent them from leading a successful life. They'll be able to meet with local employers, get a driver's license, and have a health screening.

The Summit of Hope is a program that meets critical needs of those who have recently been released back into the community. These men and women are working to become productive members of society and the services available to them at the Summit are often the difference between success and failure. The objective of the Summit is to reduce the recidivism rate by giving parolees and probationers the "Hope" they need to live a life free of crime. A crime-free life for ex-offenders translates into safer communities for everyone.

More than 650 parolees and probationers have been invited to attend this event, which is being held at First Church of the Nazarene, located at 2921 38th Street.

MEDIA ADVISORY

WHAT: The Summit of Hope, an expo organized and run by the Illinois Department of Corrections.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 7th.

TIME: 9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m. (Media should arrive around 10:00am)

WHERE: First Church of the Nazarene, 2921 38th St., Rock Island, IL 61201

WHO WILL PARTICPATE: Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois Secretary of State, Safer Foundation, Alcoholics Anonymous, Scott Community College, Social Security Administration, Black Hawk College, Rock Island County Court Services

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